reputed hospitals in Bangalore involving Government Doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the delay in notification of the Translation of Human Organs Act, passed by Parliament on June 14, 1994, has helped in breathing life into the illegal trade in kidneys; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delaying the notification of this Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on complaints regarding illegal removal of kidneys from unsuspecting blood donors in Karnataka, two FIRs have been lodged on 21-1-95 and 29.1.95 respectively. One doctor was arrested and later on released on bail. Two other doctors have been deregistered by the Karnataka Medical Council.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Memorandum Against the ban on sale and use of Tobacco

678. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Trade Unions have jointly submitted a memorandum to Government appealing to desist from the proposed legislation banning the sale and use of tobacco; and

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum and reaction of Government to the suggestion and demands they have made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Labour has been advised to clarify to the Trade Unions that the proposed legislation does not envisage a ban on the use of sale of Tobacco. It merely seeks to ban advertisements of Tobacco products.

Investment in Tamil Nadu by NRIs from Singapore

679 SHRI V RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non Resident Indians from Singapore who have come forward to invest in Tamil Nadu during the current financial year; and

(b) the facilities offered by the State Government to those NRIs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) 17 proposals involving NRI investment of Rs. 1707.23 lakh have received Govt. approval during 1.4.94 to 28.2.1995 for setting up industries in the State of Tamil Nadu. According to records, one proposal is from an NRI based in Singapore and involves an investment of Rs. 60.00 lakhs for setting up a Waste Paper Treatment Plant.

(b) Inter alia, the State Govt. provides infrastructural facilities like land, power etc. for setting up industries.

Declaring 1995-96 as SSI year

680. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared 1995-96 as the SSI year:

(b) if so, the details of the plan to boost this sector during the year; and

(c) what other measures are contemplated during the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are various measures, programmes and schemes to promote and strengthen the small scale industries sector. They include the continuing schemes as well as some new and recent schemes. A few major new measures to boost the SSI Sector are:

(i) Prime Ministers' Rozgar Yojana has been implemented with effect from October, 1993 to promote and assist in the creation of self-employment opportunities for educated un-employed youths of the country. 2.2 lakh beneficiaries are sought to be assisted under the Scheme during the year 1995-96.

(ii) Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme has been launched from February, 1994 to augment infrastructural facilities in about 50 centres in rural and backward areas.

(iii) A new scheme is under implementation to give financial incentives to those SSI units which acquire ISO-9000 or an equivalent quality certification by reimbursing 50 per cent of the costs of obtaining certification subject to maximum of Rs. 75,000 per unit.

Setting up of units by Sony in India

681. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted a Japanese Company 'Sony Corporation' to set up a fully-owned Japanese enterprise in India, commencing its operaions with an initial investment of US $ 16 Million;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor: and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government have approved the proposal of M/s. Sony Corporation, Japan for establishment of a wholly owned subsidiary in India for manufacture of colour TVs and other electronic and telecommunication products/equipment. The proposal envisages foreign direct investment amounting to US $ 16.00 million over a period of 3 years.

Revival programme for TAFCO

682. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TAFCO has made out detailed revival programme of late;

(b) whether Government are still considering to assist the company; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) TAFCO had submitted a fresh revival proposal after BIFR issued Show Cause Notice for winding up of the company during January, 1994. The proposal was however, not found viable by the Operating Agency and BIFR has subsequently confirmed its earlier recommendations for winding up of the Company.

(b) and (c) Government has been releasing non-plan funds to assist the company in meeting its urgent requirements including salary and wages of its employees. Government had released Rs. 575.00 lakhs, Rs. 550.00 lakhs and Rs. 479.74 lakhs during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (upto February, 1995) respectively for this purpose.